

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

When I called my local station in Saginaw to share my concerns I was told to call the corporate # (410)5681780. I was lead to believe I would be able to speak with someone there but when I called a prerecorded message came on saying that the opposition to the programming of Stolen Honor is organized by political groups. Please take immediate action to insure that our free airwaves are not being used as a one-sided political propaganda machine. Thank you.
Sincerely,
Cynthia Greig